

**Adopted  
AMENDMENT NO 2 PROPOSED TO**

**Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2608**

**BY: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd)**

1        **Amend by inserting the following new section after line 32**  
2        **and renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:**

3        **SECTION \*.** Section 37-33-157, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
4        amended as follows:

5        37-33-157. The Department of Rehabilitation Services shall  
6        provide the rehabilitation services authorized by law and by the  
7        rules, regulations and policies of the board to every individual  
8        determined to be eligible therefor, and in carrying out the  
9        purposes of this chapter the department is authorized, when  
10       consistent with the rules, regulations and policies of the State  
11       Board of Rehabilitation Services:

12                (a) To expend funds received either by appropriation or  
13       directly from federal or private sources;

14                (b) To cooperate with other departments, agencies and  
15       institutions, both public and private, in providing the services  
16       authorized by this chapter to disabled individuals, in studying  
17       the problems involved therein, and in establishing, developing and  
18       providing in conformity with the purposes of this chapter, such  
19       programs, facilities and services as may be necessary or  
20       desirable;

21                (c) To enter into reciprocal agreements with other  
22       states to provide for the services authorized by this chapter to  
23       residents of the states concerned;

24 (d) To conduct research and compile statistics relating  
25 to the provision of services to or the need of services by  
26 disabled individuals;

27 (e) To enter into contractual arrangements with the  
28 federal government and with other authorized public agencies or  
29 persons for performance of services related to rehabilitation;

30 (f) To contract with schools, hospitals and other  
31 agencies, and with doctors, optometrists, nurses, technicians and  
32 other persons, for training, physical restoration, transportation  
33 and other rehabilitation services;

34 (g) To take such action as may be necessary to enable  
35 the department to apply for, accept and receive for the state and  
36 its residents the full benefits available under the federal  
37 Vocational Rehabilitation Act, and any amendments thereto, and  
38 under any other federal legislation or program having as its  
39 purpose the providing of, improvement or extension of, vocational  
40 rehabilitation services;

41 (h) To establish an Office on the Deaf and Hard of  
42 Hearing to provide services and activities authorized under  
43 Section 37-33-171;

44 (i) To own real property, and to construct, renovate or  
45 repair any buildings on such property.

46 **Further amend the title on line 4 by inserting after the**  
47 **semicolon the following:**

48 TO AMEND SECTION 37-33-157, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE  
49 THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES TO OWN REAL PROPERTY,  
50 AND TO CONSTRUCT, RENOVATE OR REPAIR ANY BUILDINGS ON SUCH  
51 PROPERTY;